

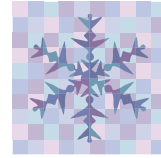
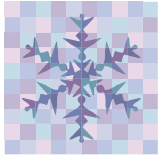
# 10 steps to prepare buildings for winter



- Remove** combustibles from furnace room.
- Book** furnace/boiler and chimney inspections.
- Remove** window air conditioning units.
- Seal** areas where cold air can enter the building.
- Check** insulation in attic and crawl spaces near pipes.
- Inspect** roof shingles & structure for snow load bearing.
- Cover** air conditioner compressors.
- Clean** eave troughs and drainpipes of all debris.
- Trim** trees to prevent falling branches in high winds.
- Repair** fences, gates and outbuildings.



# 5 winter maintenance reminders



**Maintain** interior room temperature above 12°C to prevent pipes from freezing.

**Shut off** water valves and drain all pipes in unheated buildings.

**Inspect** roof regularly, especially after heavy snowfalls. Hire a contractor to perform snow removal as necessary to prevent roof collapse.

**Clear** snow away from building to avoid water ingress during sudden thaws.

**Open** kitchen and washroom cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate to pipes.

**Remember** – If pipes freeze, leave faucet turned on and turn off the main shut-off valve. Do not attempt to thaw pipes using any type of open flame – call a contractor.

